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**The Honorable Charles J. Zwick
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503**

Dear Mr. Zwick:

You have requested this Agency's views on the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, H. R. 5037.

Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 401) provides that the Central Intelligence Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement power or internal security functions. Therefore, this Agency is not directly concerned with any of the provisions of H. R. 5037 other than those contained in Title III of the bill dealing with wiretapping and electronic surveillance.

Title III (page 68 of H. R. 5037) provides that nothing contained in this legislation or in section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 shall limit the constitutional power of the President to obtain foreign intelligence information deemed essential to the security of the United States. The Agency favors these provisions of Title III and supports H. R. 5037 in its present form.

Sincerely,

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**Richard Helms
Director**